

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant hereby presents the claims, their status in the application, and amendments thereto as indicated:

1. (Currently Amended) A holster for a tool of the type comprising a body portion and a handle portion which projects from the body portion in a direction generally perpendicular to the central axis of the body portion ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the holster comprises a tubular body portion having open top and bottom ends sized to receive the body portion of a tool, the tubular body portion having an elongate cutaway section extending along at least 50% of the length of the tubular body portion from the top edge and sized to receive the handle of the tool, and means ~~for attachment of to attach~~ the holster to a user including a flexible loop affixed to and in contact with the tubular body portion, the loop allowing the holster to maintain a vertical or substantially vertical alignment when attached to the user, independent of movement of the user.

2. (Original) A holster according to claim 1 wherein the tubular body portion is rigid or substantially rigid.

3. (Previously Presented) A holster according to claim 1 wherein the cutaway section extends for at least 75% of the length of the tubular body portion.

4. (Previously Presented) A holster according to claim 1 wherein the cutaway section extends for at least 80% of the length of the tubular body portion.

5. (Original) A holster according to claim 1 wherein the cutaway section is provided with a notch on its lower edge.

6. (Previously Presented) A holster according to claim 1 wherein the cutaway section extends for at least 90% of the length of the tubular body portion.

7.-13. (Canceled)

14. (New) A holster for a power drill of the type comprising a body portion, a handle portion which projects from the body portion in a direction generally perpendicular to the central axis of the body portion and a trigger to activate the drill, the holster comprising a tubular body portion having open top and bottom ends sized to receive the body portion of a drill, the tubular body portion having an elongate cutaway section extending along at least 50% of the length of the tubular body portion from the top edge and sized to receive the handle of the drill, and means to attach the holster to a user including a flexible loop affixed to the tubular body portion and in contact with the body portion, the loop allowing the holster to maintain a vertical or substantially vertical alignment when attached to the user, independent of movement of the user, and wherein the cutaway section is provided with a notch on a lower edge thereof, said notch being arranged to prevent the trigger from contacting a bottom edge of the cutaway section.

15. (New) The holster of claim 14, wherein the holster is lined with one of plastic or rubber to protect the tool.

16. (New) A holster for a power drill of the type comprising a body portion, a handle portion which projects from the body portion in a direction generally perpendicular to the central axis of the body portion and a trigger to activate the drill, the holster comprising a tubular body portion having open top and bottom ends sized to

receive the body portion of a drill, the tubular body portion having an elongate cutaway section extending along at least 50% of the length of the tubular body portion from the top edge and sized to receive the handle of the drill, and webbing to attach the holster to a user, said webbing being formed into a flexible loop affixed to the tubular body portion and in contact with the body portion, the loop allowing the holster to maintain a vertical or substantially vertical alignment when attached to the user, independent of movement of the user, and wherein the cutaway section is provided with a notch on its lower edge, said notch being arranged to prevent the trigger from contacting a bottom edge of the cutaway section, and further wherein the holster is lined with one of plastics and rubber to protect the tool.